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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), only copies of foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed.

The first listed reference shows three photographs of a horse that was produced by WowWee in 2002 (the WowWee horse). Applicant has no knowledge of whether the WowWee horse was ever sold in the United States. Applicant is aware that the WowWee horse was shown at Toy Fair in February, 2003 in New York, New York. The WowWee horse moves by movement of front and back legs and pivoting about a center hinge region, as shown in photographs 1-3. The WowWee horse includes front legs that each have knee joints. The top of the front legs links to the body of the WowWee horse at a front pivot such that the front legs are alternately pivoted about the front pivot. As a front leg strikes the ground, the force on the body due to the rotation of the front leg causes the body to move forward. The back legs are rigid and are pivoted at a rear pivot to move in a synchronized manner relative to the front legs to simulate a four-legged walking sequence. The WowWee horse also include a center hinge region having a vertical pivot between the front and the rear pivots that divides the WowWee horse into a front region and a rear region. As the front region is rotated relative to the rear region and the front and back legs are actuated, the WowWee horse turns as it is moved forward.

The second listed reference shows three photographs of a dog that was produced and sold by Hasbro before the year 2000 (the Hasbro dog). The Hasbro dog moves forward. As the

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Hasbro dog moves forward, panels positioned outside the wheels of the Hasbro dog move forward and backward in a swinging motion. The panels move backward and forward as the wheels rotate because the panels are coupled to the wheels.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. A check for \$180 in payment of the late submission fee of §1.17(p) is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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**Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)**

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	AQ	The WowWee horse, a toy horse produced by WowWee in 2002 and shown at Toy Fair in February, 2003 in NY, NY, 3 pages of photographs.
	AR	The Hasbro dog, a toy dog produced and sold by Hasbro in the U.S. before the year 2000, 3 pages of photographs.
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